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## News Brief

### Slow down

The 469th Air Base Group Security Forces Flight has increased its efforts to control the speed of vehicles traveling between the Main Gate and Gateway Gardens on Ellis Road.

The speed limit varies between a low of 30 kilometers per hour (19 miles per hour) and a maximum of 70 kilometers per hour (44 miles per hour).

Individuals who violate the speed limit may be issued a DD Form 1408, Armed Forces Traffic Ticket.

All personnel must present their copy of a traffic citation to their commander, first sergeant or flight chief the next duty day following the receipt of the citation.

### Briefing times

All military members with a secret clearance or higher are required to attend one of four Code of Conduct briefings offered Tuesday and Thursday at the base theater. The briefings will begin at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. each day.

If a member cannot attend, their name should be forwarded to Tech. Sgt. Andre Dean to schedule another training date. As a reminder, all military personnel, regardless of clearance, must complete Part I of the Code of Conduct training, by Sept. 30.

For more information, call Sergeant Dean.

### Promotion ceremony

The next Team Rhein-Main Promotion Ceremony is set for 4:15 p.m. Sept. 30 at the Zeppelinhause.

Come out and congratulate the October promotees.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

## Missions of mercy

*Chaplain (Capt.) Sean Phillips, 469th Air Base Group Chapel, talks with a wounded soldier upon his arrival at Rhein-Main Tuesday. The 791st Expeditionary Air Evacuation Squadron, normally based at Ramstein, began operating here Monday, and will do so until runway repairs are complete at Ramstein. Flying C-141 Starlifters and C-130 Hercules aircraft, 791st EAES aeromedical specialists turn ordinary cargo planes into flying hospitals, transporting patients out of combat and other operational zones to medical treatment facilities in Europe and the United States.*

## Happy birthday Air Force

By Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong  
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)** - Fifty-seven years ago, with the passing of the National Security Act of 1947, a separate U.S. Air Force was born and signed into law by President Harry Truman. Appropriately, the president was flying at the time he signed the law.

The swearing in of the first secretary of the Air Force, W. Stuart Symington, on Sept. 18, 1947, marks the official birthday of the Air Force becoming a distinct and separate U.S. military service. Up to that point, airpower had been provided by the Army Air Corps, which later became the Army Air Forces.

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## Airman Information File

September 2004

### Bring Your Courage -- What It Means

"Bring Your Courage." Hope you've seen and heard these words throughout USAFE. It's the official USAFE motto, and if there's ever been a command that brings its courage every day it's USAFE! Find courage in the dictionary and you'll see a definition describing physical, mental or moral strength to carry on in the face of danger or difficulty. You may have created your own definition of courage over the years based on real life. The definition is good to know, but taking it to the next level by putting it to use in your life is not always easy to do.

That is why we believe that courage is the most undernourished principle of leadership. In the end, you can have all the resources imaginable to complete a difficult task, but if you don't have the courage to execute, you'll fail. Leaders at all levels must have the courage to step up and pull the trigger when required, to ensure successful mission completion.

History books are filled with stories of courage. For example, everybody knows George Washington was an early hero who displayed courage throughout his life. As a young commander, Washington fought against the French and Indians during the French and Indian War. In one battle, his unit was ambushed in the forest near Fort Duquesne. Under intense fire, he jumped on a horse and quickly rallied the men to take cover and fight. During the battle he had two horses shot from under him and four bullet holes through his jacket, yet he still pressed ahead and took the fight to the enemy. During the battle, the commanding officer was mortally wounded, so young Washington took command of the troops and safely led them out of harm's way. Clearly, this is an example of physical and mental courage in the face of danger.

Courage is often displayed on the battlefield, but it's not the only place courage is found. Mental and moral courage is needed in all jobs and at all levels throughout USAFE. It's displayed in Airmen who mentally stay engaged with their duties and maintain safe practices instead of taking dangerous short-cuts. Courage is also seen when Airmen make the tough call and do the right thing, even when peers pressure them to do otherwise.

George Washington brought his courage over two hundred years ago and you, the Airmen of USAFE, continue to build on his legacy. "Bring Your Courage" is not just a catchy motto--they're words to live by!

**General Doc Foglesong****CMSgt Gary Coleman**

*"Bring Your Courage"*



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers

## Back in my day

*Robert Ball, a former World War II Prisoner of War, discusses the differences between a B-17 Flying Fortress and a C-17 Globemaster III with Staff Sgt. Robert LaHaie, a communications/navigation technician deployed to Rhein-Main from Ramstein, during a visit to the flightline Tuesday. Mr. Ball, a former B-17 bombardier, was the guest speaker at the Air Force Sergeants Association POW/MIA Recognition Day luncheon at the Zeppelinhaus. Members of Team Rhein-Main also took part in a wreath-laying and retreat ceremony at the base flag pole.*

# Tops in Blue set to rock the house for final performance at Rhein-Main

Tops In Blue, the Air Force's premier entertainment showcase for the entire family, will make its final performance at Rhein-Main at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 in Hangar 425. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The group brings the best in music, dance and comedy — all performed by men and women in blue who perform 90 minutes of non-stop live entertainment.

The unit's goal is to enhance mission productivity for Air Force members and their families, especially those in remote and isolated locations.

During each annual tour, Tops In Blue entertains more than 250,000 military personnel and their families, presenting an average of 120 performances at 100 locations worldwide. The showcase is presented throughout the continental United States, Canada, Europe, Central America, Alaska and the Pacific.

Each year, active-duty men and women with military duties as diverse as aircraft mechanics, electronic technicians, security specialists and other functional areas begin at base level by competing in talent shows.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marie Cassetty

***The 2003 Tops in Blue team entertained more than 400 people in Hangar 425. This year's event begins at 7 p.m. Sept. 27.***

The most talented are then selected to compete at the Air Force Worldwide Talent Contest. From these contestants, a 30-member group is chosen to represent the best of the best.

All contestants must have their commanders' approval to allow them to travel with Tops In Blue.

Tops In Blue began in 1953 as a vision created by Col. Alvin Reilly to recognize the high caliber of entertainment available in the Air Force community.

Over the span of 40 years, Tops In Blue has performed in films, produced albums and has been featured on national television with such legends as Ed Sullivan, Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, Barbara Mandrell and Alabama. In 1981, the cast performed the half-time show for the Garden State Bowl in New Jersey.

With an estimated 110 million people watching worldwide, the cast presented the half-time entertainment show "The World of Children's Dreams" for Super Bowl XIX, Jan. 20, 1985.

*(Information courtesy of Tops In Blue.)*



# Teamwork essential to Rhein-Main closure

By 469th Air Base Group  
Finance Flight

I suspect we've all heard it before – One Team...One Fight!, right?

Achieving great teamwork isn't complicated or difficult. However, there are a couple of things that will need to be accomplished.

First, we must behavioralize teamwork. Unless we clarify exactly what we expect each member of the team to do to show teamwork, teamwork will mean whatever each individual wants it to mean.

Here's a quote from Andrew Carnegie. *"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."*

After we've set the standard of teamwork as the accepted behavior, we come to our second task – enforcing accountability.

There's no use talking about teamwork unless people actually do it. Hold all team-players personally responsible for doing those things that will define teamwork. Benjamin Franklin once said, *"We must all hang together, or assuredly, we shall all hang separately."*

Poor teamwork can be disastrous. When everyone goes his or her own way and self-preservation becomes the major motive, the team eventually disintegrates. It's imperative that you – the leader, and you – the subordinate, keep all individuals playing as a team.

Following are some thoughts on "teamwork" from our financial management team members.

■ Teamwork is the ability to rely on each other to get the job done. When you are down and out, your team member must be able to pick up the slack and vice-versa. Things run smoother when there's a team working on a problem, not just one person. – Noel Van Hassel, military pay technician

■ Teamwork means being able to communicate and be interchangeable with your co-workers. You're only as strong as your weakest player. If you see someone is falling behind, step in and give them a hand. Communication is the key to teamwork. No one gets left behind!

– Staff Sgt. Rachel Gardner, NCO in charge of customer support

■ To be a true team, everyone involved must be motivated about the task at hand. If one person doesn't understand the task at hand, he or she shouldn't be afraid to ask counterparts for help. In the coming months you'll see more and more people coming together to complete a lot of challenging issues that we'll face because of closure. Assess your surroundings – I have a great team to pick me up if I'm down. How about you?

– Staff Sgt. Timothy Hall, NCO in charge of customer service

■ Finance units provide multi-faceted support that enables an installation to operate as a team. Our primary task is two-fold: ensure members receive timely and

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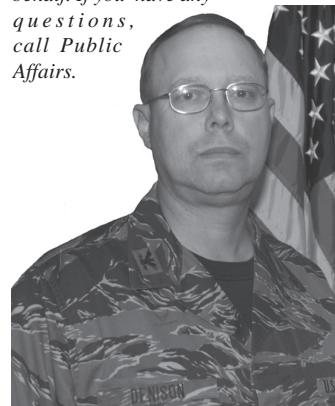
The Action Line is one way for me to keep my finger on the pulse of the Rhein-Main community and is used as an avenue for communication.

The main objective of the Commander's Action Line is finding solutions to problems or providing explanations for processes.

If you experience problems at Rhein-Main, you should always try to resolve problems at the lowest level by contacting the unit or agency managers. In almost every case, your chain of command is the best solution. I strongly encourage everyone to use that route first. When normal channels haven't been able to resolve your issues, feel free to send an e-mail to [Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil](mailto:Hotline@rheinmain.af.mil) or call 330-7779. Please include your name and contact information along with your concern.

Action Lines are forwarded to the appropriate agency for action and response. They should contact you within 24 hours. Once an Action Line is started, the agency must provide a complete answer to me within 10 days.

The 469th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office is responsible for managing the Action Line program on my behalf. If you have any questions, call Public Affairs.



Col. Bradley Denison  
Commander, 469th Air Base Group

**330-7779**

Commander's Action Line

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4 p.m., Sept. 23.

## Warriors of the Week



**Tech. Sgt. Terrance Williams**

**Unit:** 726th AMS Logistics Flight

**Time in Air Force:** 14 years

**Time at Rhein-Main:** 12 months

**Duty Title:** NCO

**Hometown:** Union City, Tenn.

**Hobbies:** Golf, raising salt-water fish, traveling

**What has been your best Air Force experience?**

Being a part of a color guard that won a California-wide competition, the Parade of Champions 1993.



**Tech. Sgt. Brent Smith**

**Unit:** 726th AMS Logistics Flight

**Time in Air Force:** 16 years

**Time at Rhein-Main:** 2 years

**Duty Title:** NCO

**Hometown:** Mesa, Ariz.

**Hobbies:** Photography, fishing and history.

**What has been your best Air Force experience?**

Going TDY to Italy and working at a NATO base. I got to see how well the coalition worked together.

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continuing global war on terrorism, America's Airmen have served proudly; bringing courage to the fight with an unwavering commitment of service before self as they answer the call of our nation and the world.

We owe a lot to the legends of airpower whose determination and vision led to a separate Air Force. Their rich legacy lives on through innovation, cutting-edge technology and recruiting and retaining the very best people our nation has to offer.

U.S. Air Forces in Europe Airmen continue the legacy of our service's forefathers by supporting combat operations in Iraq, humanitarian operations in Algeria and training missions worldwide that build security cooperation and expand our expeditionary mindset.

To all the members of our great Air Force — active duty, Guard, Reserve, civilian, retired and families — thank you for your dedication and commitment. It is because of you that we are considered the most respected and feared air and space force in the world!

## TEAM, from Page 4 —

correct pay and entitlements and to account and pay for the commercial products and services that help sustain the installation's mission. The key to our recipe is to work as a team member and coordinate with each person or organization until desirable results are achieved. — Staff Sgt. Victor Wiens, NCO in charge of accounting liaison

■ Teamwork is the key to accomplishing the mission. It consists of working together towards a common goal and helping one another when needed the most. Our finance team would not be what it is today without the important contributions of each individual. — Senior Airman Kristin Farmer, accounting liaison

■ Teamwork requires an understanding of individual differences — the general needs of

each member and the dynamics of the group process. It's also an awareness of organizational practicality, the goals of the team and the goals and roles of each individual.

— Muriel Anderson, Non appropriated funds analyst

■ Teamwork is epitomized by the way the resource advisors work together — especially in the case of short suspenses. I've always been proud of the way the resource advisors are willing to give up some of their funds to another flight who's in need. This, to me, is truly a sign of teamwork. — Lee Tapia, budget analyst

Come together, share together, work together and succeed together. We challenge each and every one of you to become an active player on the "Rhein-Main Team" — for the path to greatness is along with others.



*(Above) Airman 1st Class Brandon Cunningham, 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer Flight firefighter, adjusts his helmet before competing in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Firefighter Combat Challenge at Ramstein Saturday. (Right) An overview of the firefighter challenge obstacle course, which includes a 175-pound dummy drag and hitting a target with a stream of water.*

*Photos by Tech. Sgt. Matt Summers  
& Airman 1st Class Eric Donner*

## USAFE Firefighter

A team of firefighters from Rhein-Main, nicknamed "The Freak Show", brought home some heavy hardware from Ramstein Saturday where they competed in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe Firefighter Combat Challenge.

Airman 1st Class Brandon Cunningham, 469th Air Base Group Fire Department, won the individual competition in the 26 and under category with a time of 1:36.

Rhein-Main took second place in the overall team competition by a hair with a time of 5:24.43.

Team members included Airman Cunningham, staff sergeants Bryan Driscoll and Brent Watkins and airmen 1st class Christopher Sumner and Gabriel Villanueva. Spangdahlem Air Base won the competition in a time 5:24.13.

Rhein-Main also took second in the team relay competition behind RAF Mildenhall. Team members included Sergeant Driscoll, Airmen Cunningham, Villanueva and Watkins along with Senior Airman Rodolfo Pacheco.

Maj. Shawn Moore, 469th ABG Civil Engineer Flight Chief, took first place in the base civil engineer commander's competition.

The Rhein-Main team qualified to compete in the World Challenge XIII in Las Vegas Nov. 9-13.

Airman Cunningham's time currently ranks as the 7th fastest recorded in competitions across North America this year.

The Scott Firefighter Combat Challenge world





# ighter Combat Challenge

championships are the culmination of a season full of hardwork, dedication, and rigorous training, according to the organizations Web site.

Beginning in early spring, the Challenge consists of more than 25 regional events conducted throughout the United States and Canada.

At the regional level, competitors must complete the competition course within a certain time limit in order to qualify for the world championships.

Wearing "full bunker gear" and a Scott breathing apparatus, pairs of firefighters simulate the physical demands of real life firefighting by competing on a linked series of five tasks.

Dominating the landscape is a five-story hydraulic tower, the centerpiece of all the activity. Competitors climb to the top of the tower carrying a 42-pound high-rise pack; then hoist a 42-pound hose roll to the top; next they descend to the ground floor where they simulate chopping by swinging a 9-pound shot mallet on the end of a 160- pound steel beam.

They then zigzag 140 feet through simulation hydrants to the fourth station, where they advance an attack hose a distance of 75 feet; and finally, competitors drag a life sized, 175-pound "victim" a distance of 100 feet to the finish line.

(staff report)



(Above) Airman Cunningham blasts the water target before he moves on to the final obstacle – the dummy drag. (Left) Staff Sgt. Brent Watkins receives encouragement from Rhein-Main supporters as he heads to the finish line.



(Left) Airman 1st Class Gabriel Villanueva, hacks his way through the 160-pound Keiser sled with a 9-pound mallet.

# Parents key link in DoDDS education

By Barb Worden

USAFE School Liaison Office

## RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany

— The USAFE School Liaison Office understands the important role parents play in their child's education. Therefore, if parents have a concern, it's important they be informed of the specific channels that can be used to resolve issues concerning their child's education. These councils are the key to empowerment, and are the process parents have available to ensure their voices are heard.

When an educational concern arises, the first step is to talk to the child's teacher. If the issue cannot be resolved, then it is the responsibility of the school principal or installation School Liaison Officer to intervene as appropriate. After this point, formal channels come into play, starting with the School Advisory Committee.

The SAC is used to address problems at the school level. It's made up of parent, military and school representatives. Every school has a SAC which meets at least four times each year. Parents are highly encouraged to attend SAC meetings, even if they are not bringing an issue forward to the committee.

If an issue cannot be resolved by addressing the advisory committee, parents have the option of bringing their concern to the attention of either the Installation Advisory Council if assigned to a USAFE installation with only one school, or the School Advisory Board if there is more than one school on the installation.

The SAB is designed to give parents the majority voice in the Advisory



Photo by Airman 1st Class Eric Donner

***LeAnn Weaghtington and David Kammermeier celebrate the first day of kindergarten at Halvorsen Elementary School Monday. Twenty-eight children from the Rhein-Main area will attend the final class in school history.***

Council structure. It's made up of elected school board members, principals, the installation commander and the district superintendent, and is designed to address parental concerns and issues. However, the purpose of a SAB differs from a stateside school board in that it does not establish school policy. Should an issue continue to remain unresolved at the SAB, it is raised to the next level. Parents are highly encouraged to participate in these two councils and are always welcome to attend the open meetings.

Depending on the nature of the issue raised from the IAC or SAB, parental concerns may be elevated through either

the military or Department of Defense Dependents School advisory chain. These councils address issues affecting students throughout USAFE, the European Command and the entire DoDDS system world-wide.

Parents are encouraged to attend, participate or become elected parent representatives in the councils outlined. Individuals interested in specific council meeting dates and locations, or to find out more about the structure of the councils, are asked to contact their local installation school liaison officer. The School Liaison Office is here to help parents become a vital link in this communication chain.

## School Town-Hall

A school town-hall meeting for Halvorsen-Turner American School is set for 6 p.m. Thursday in the school gym. Parents can direct questions to Col. Bradley Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander, school principals from H.H. Arnold High School in Weisbaden and Halvorsen-Turner and personnel from the bus office.



# Send a free holiday greeting back home

By Master Sgt. Jim Hughes

Army and Air Force Hometown News Service

**SAN ANTONIO** — When professional broadcasters toting video cameras and bright lights soon invade overseas installations worldwide, they will not be seeking the next “American Idol,” but they will be looking to give servicemembers stationed overseas a chance to say hello to their families in the United States.

Four teams of military broadcasters from the Army and Air Force Hometown News Service here hit the hometown holiday greetings trail Sept. 11. They will visit about 70 overseas installations in 40 days with the goal of gathering more than 13,000 individual messages from servicemembers stationed abroad during the holidays, said Army Sgt. 1st Class Jamie Posten, NCO in charge of broadcast operations for hometown news.

“Demand for the holiday greetings is at an all-time high with the public affairs offices overseas and also with (about) 1,000 television and 2,400 radio stations that subscribe to the service,” Sergeant Posten said. “To meet that demand, we’re sending out four teams for the first time, instead of the normal three teams we send out each year.”

The holiday greetings program began in 1984 and while the number of releases increases each year, the program’s goals remain the same. The first goal is to improve the morale of servicemembers stationed overseas and their family members. Another goal is to show the American public the sacrifices that their military people make by serving without their families in places such as South Korea

and Southwest Asia, Sergeant Posten said.

“Because they’re stationed or deployed overseas during the holiday periods, these servicemembers can’t be home for the holidays,” he said. “We give them a chance to send a short message back home for their families to see on television or hear on the radio. Last year, I had a guy tell me he did one the previous year, and his mom and dad saw it and loved it. That’s the kind of feedback we like — it’s a hard (temporary duty) and hearing that the program works really helps to keep us going.”

Servicemembers and their families are not the only fans of the program. Stations start asking for the releases well before

Thanksgiving, and feedback usually pours in from the stations that air the greetings between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day, Sergeant Posten said.

“These are a huge hit in our community!” said a news director with a television station in Springfield, Mo. “We air them more times than I can calculate. We also provide a VHS copy to the first of kin.”

Military members of all services, family members stationed overseas with the servicemembers and Department of Defense civilians are all welcome to take advantage of the program, said Tom Taylor, chief of broadcast news for hometown news.

“The teams are all made up of experienced broadcasters, and they make the process quick and easy,” Mr. Taylor said. “People just come to where we are located, fill out a quick form for us telling us where their family members are in the (United States), stand in front of the camera and say their message. When we get back to San Antonio, we will market each greeting to the TV stations in that person’s area, and we also turn the video into a release for the radio stations.”



Courtesy photo

**Members of the Rhein-Main community can film a free greeting from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 24 at the base chapel. Call the public affairs office at 330-7804 or 330-7805 to make an appointment or formation about the program.**

## DUI Tracker

### Days without DUIs (As of Tuesday)

#### 469th Air Base Group

143 days

#### 726th Air Mobility Squadron

232 days

#### 64th Replacement Company

123 days

#### Tenant Units

88 days

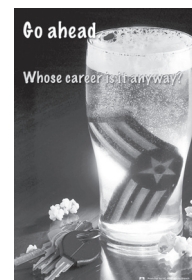
#### Others

50 days

The 469th ABG Top IV provides a

fund at the main gate for permanent party personnel who take a taxi back to the base instead of driving while intoxicated.

The money used must be reimbursed the next duty day.



# Rumsfeld joins in NASCAR salute to Armed Forces

By Samantha Quigley  
American Forces Press Service

**RICHMOND, Va.** – If it weren't for the motorcade, Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld would have been just another race fan driving into the Richmond International Raceway here Sept. 11.

But the secretary had a greater purpose than an evening at the races. Secretary Rumsfeld attended the Chevy Rock 'n' Roll 400 on the third anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks as part of a NASCAR salute to the men and women serving in the armed forces.

Secretary Rumsfeld took it all in stride, shaking hands and chatting his way into

the NASCAR drivers meeting, where he briefly addressed the drivers, crew chiefs and media. After joking that the first NASCAR race he attended — in 1948 — probably was before many of the drivers' time, he wished them well in the night's competition.

A standing ovation and chants of "USA" had to be quieted before he could lead the capacity crowd of 107,000 fans in the Pledge of Allegiance.

With the singing of the national anthem by recording artist Kylie Dean and a flyover by four F-16s from the 192nd Fighter Wing of the Virginia Air National Guard, the pre-race festivities came to a close.



Courtesy photo

## Muddin'

*David Gallagher, 469th Air Base Group Civil Engineer Flight, battles the elements as he finishes in 5th place with a time of 55:26 at Dexheim Aug. 21. Gallagher's second-place finish in a time of 59:12 at the Sept. 11 race in Garmisch was good enough to give him his second straight title in the men's military senior division title at the 2004 U.S. Forces in Europe Mountain Bike Championship Series.*



Photo by Senior Airman Mike Meares

## The Falcon has landed

*Air Force Academy sophomore halfback Justin Handley dives into the end zone after catching a pass from freshman quarterback Shaun Carney. Carney completed 10 of 15 passes for 139 yards and rushed for 62 yards as the Falcons beat Eastern Washington University, 42-20, Saturday. The Air Force Academy's next game is against the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.*

## Sports briefs

### Youth soccer

The Rhein-Main Juniors Soccer Team defeated Hanau 2-0 Saturday at Rhein-Main. The Juniors play again Saturday at Weisbaden.

### Youth football

The Rhein-Main Youth Wildcats flag defeated Hanau 19-0 Saturday at Rhein-Main. The Wildcats play again Saturday at home against Butzbach.

### Varsity soccer

The Rhein-Main Varsity Soccer team practices at 6 p.m. Wednesdays at the field near the transportation roundhouse.



## Oktoberfest

The 469th Air Base Group Services Flight sponsors the final Oktoberfest celebration at Rhein-Main from 5-9 p.m. today in Gateway Gardens.

The event includes free bratwurst and brotchen, a volksmarch, human foosball, bouncy castles and a kinderplatz where kids can enjoy rootbeer floats and other kid-specific activities.

Participants can also purchase the official Rhein-Main Oktoberfest stein for \$10.

## Bowling league

The Winter Bowling League at the Rocket Bowling Center begins Sunday.

Call 330-7219 for more details.

## Cooking class

The family support center sponsors a German cooking class from 6 - 8 p.m. Tuesday at Our House, Bldg. 627B-2 in Gateway Gardens.

Participants can learn how to prepare wurstsalad (sausage salad) and bratkartoffel (fried potatoes).

Call 330-7992 for more information.

## Spa trip

The family support center sponsors a trip to the Taunus Therme in Bad Hom-

burg at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The Japanese-style spa includes hot tubs, Jacuzzis, saunas and outdoor and indoor pools. Admission is paid by the family support center and community spouses club.

Participants should meet at the shoppette at 5:30 p.m. to carpool.

## Friday feast

The family support center sponsors their monthly "Friday Feast," Sept. 24 at the Gasthaus Rudolph in Liederbach.

Participants should meet at the shoppette parking lot at 6:30 p.m. to car pool to the restaurant.

The Give Parents a Break program is set for 6:30 to 9 p.m. Sept. 24 at the child development center. The program is open for children 6 weeks to the 5th grade. Referrals are made through commanders, first sergeant, chapel, clinic, family advocacy, family support center or CDC.

Call 330-7017 or 330-7992 for more information.

## Ronneburg Castle

The family support center sponsors a trip to the Ronneburg Castle Medieval Knight Dinner from 1-9 p.m. Sept. 25.

Deadline to sign up is Wednesday. Cost is 41 Euro per adult and 16.50 Euro for ages 5-12. Family discounts are available. Not recommended for children under 5. Full payment is due at time of sign up.

The menu includes a welcome drink, rolls, soup, saddle of pork with gravy made of apples, brussel sprouts and potatoes, Spitzbuwe (a farmer's recipe of raw potatoes with an onion and bacon sauce), and apple strudel. Children's menu includes a chicken leg, french fries and ice cream.

A bus will depart the Zeppelinhaus at 1 p.m. Sept. 25. The bus will arrive back on base at approximately 9 p.m.

For more information, call Barbara Swingle.

## Community picnic

The base chapel sponsors a community picnic at 11:30 a.m. Sept. 26 on the chapel grounds.

Guests are asked to bring a side dish

## Movies at Rhein-Main

**Tonight** - "Spiderman 2," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Saturday** - "Dodgeball: A True Underdog Story," (PG-13), 5 p.m. and "Alien vs. Predator," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday** - "Van Helsing," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Wednesday** - "Paparazzi," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Sept. 24** - "Catwoman," (PG-13), 7 p.m.

**Sept. 25** - "Anchorman," (PG-13), 5 p.m., and "Without A Paddle," (PG-13), 7:30 p.m.

**Sept. 26** - "A Cinderella Story," (PG) , 7 p.m.

**Sept. 29** - "Resident Evil: Apocalypse," (R) 7 p.m.

Movies and times are subject to change.

Movie schedules for local communities can be found at

[www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp](http://www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp)

or dessert to share.

For more information, call Barbara Swingle.

## At the club

The Zeppelinhaus offers a homestyle buffet from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. This is also the free buffet for club members with September birthdays.

A Greek buffet is set for Wednesday and a Beef Lover's Buffet on Sept. 29.

The club offers social hour from 5-7 p.m. every Friday. Guests can enjoy free finger food.

## New hours

Beginning Oct. 12, the family support center will be open 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Call 330-7992 for more details.

## Computer class

The family support center offers a free computer class for spouses from 6-9 p.m. Oct. 4-6 at Our House.

"Computers of the Workplace," is a free, basic computer skills class.

Childcare is available upon request. Call the FSC at 330-7992 to sign up.

## Chapel Worship

The following worship opportunities are offered by the Rhein-Main Chapel:

### ■ Catholic worship:

Sunday Mass - 9 a.m. every Sunday.

Penance - 8-8:30 a.m. Sundays or by appointment.

CCD - 10:30 a.m.

### ■ Protestant worship:

Sunday School - 10 a.m.

Worship and Kids Own Church take place every Sunday at 10:30 a.m.





Courtesy photo

*(Left) Visitors to Würzburg can often run across festivals celebrating the long history of the city such as this one at Fortress Marienberg. (Above) Floodlights set the fortress off against the night sky.*

## Gateway to the Romantic Road



## Day Trippin'

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Talk about a trip down memory lane. The Fortress Marienberg, overlooking Würzburg, offers a 1,200 year trip through the city's history.

Visitors can see a kaleidoscope of time when visiting the massive complex – the construction of which began early in the eighth century.

In 706, the Marienkirche, a church dedicated to the Virgin Mary, was consecrated. This was the first building constructed, and it set in motion a series of projects which culminated in 1724, when construction began on the last outer fortress, the "Maschikulus Tower".

"The church is the oldest part of the castle," said Eva Myer, a tour guide. "It's very interesting and grew into a big fortress. Visitors also see the prison, a well (which is 104 meters deep) and the rose garden."

Sightseers can visit the

Furstenbaumuseum, located in the princes' wing of the fortress. The museum features the prince bishops' living quarters and the treasury. It also offers a fascinating look at Würzburg's history.

Dining is available on the fortress grounds at Schanke zur alter Wache, which offers light meals up to 6.20 Euros. The Burggaststätt offers meals ranging up to 13.80 Euros. A small gift shop features books on the fortress and on Würzburg.

Würzburg is known as the "Gateway to the Romantic Road". It's the metropolis of the area known as Franconia. The city flanks the River Main and is surrounded by a landscape whose vineyards are famous throughout the world.

The regions Müller-Thurgaus, Silvaners and other wines, considered by many Germans to be their country's best, are not well known in North America; almost all Franken wine is purchased in Germany, so little is available for export.

Prost!

## If you go...



Depending on traffic, the drive to Würzburg takes approximately 90 minutes. Take the A3 until you reach Würzburg. Take Highway 19 toward Würzburg and

Schweinfurt. From there, take Mergentheimer Strasse, which becomes Saalgasse and then Dreikronenstrasse. From Dreikronenstrasse, take a left onto Luitpoldstrasse and another left onto Worthstrasse. A final left onto Oberer Burgweg will lead to parking areas, which cost 2.20 Euros.



Fortress Marienberg and the Furstenbaumuseum are open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday thru Sunday (April to October) and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (November to March). The final admission is 30 minutes before closing.



Cost is 2.50 Euros per person. Guided tours are available, but only in German. For a group of 15, price is 2 Euro per person.



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